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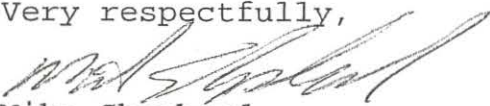
Dear Mr. Beams,

Thank you for accompanying me on my visit to the Eagle Stop in Wapato on June 7th. As you are aware, some of the issues that we saw cut across different agency jurisdictions and likely will require some coordination among the relevant agencies and with the facility operator in order to come to a sensible and satisfactory resolution. Here are the issues I observed:

- 1) Runoff from the paved surface around the facility needs to be captured and treated. Currently runoff flows to bare soil around the facility. In the event of a major overflow or spill, the current facility design could contribute to significant soil contamination. Even small amounts of contaminants can be a problem if they are allowed to accumulate over time. Due to shallow groundwater and the proximity of an irrigation stream to the facility, getting an SPCC into place should be a high priority for this facility.
- 2) The facility does not have a Spill Prevention Control and Countermeasures Plan (SPCC). Such a plan is required by EPA under 40 CFR Part 112 for facilities with a single tank which can hold more than 660 gallons of petroleum products. EPA can provide technical assistance in this area.
- 3) The above-ground storage tank (AST) has leaking pipes which need to be repaired immediately.
- 4) The diesel fuel dispenser nozzles leak and need to be repaired immediately.
- 5) The ground adjacent to the fryer grease storage container is soaked in grease indicating the container has leaked or overflowed. Due to its proximity to the soil and irrigation ditch, measures should be taken to prevent overflows or move the container.

In closing, I suggest that the Bureau of Indian Affairs convene a meeting including the County Health District and Fire District, City Fire Departments on the Yakama Nation Reservation and the Environmental Protection Agency to discuss the issues of above ground storage tanks. Our points of contact on this issue are Mike Shepherd (206-553-0702) and Renée Dagseth (206-553-1889).

Very respectfully,



Mike Shepherd

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